GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - West Godavari District – Sri Vidyapathi, formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Jeelugumilli and presently working as Dy.Tahsildar (EPIC), O/o Tahsildar, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Awarded major punishment of reduction to lower grade post i.e., Senior Assistant - Appeal filed – Admitted – Modified the punishment as withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect – Revision petition filed – Admitted – Set aside the punishment orders – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1018 **Dated:03.11.2023**

Read the following:

1. Proceedings in RoC.No.F2/E-22434/2016, Dated:25.09.2016 of the District Collector, W.G.District.
2. Proceedings of the Commissioner (Appeals), O/o CCLA in Procs.No.VS.I(3) /962/2016, Dt:31.01.2018.
3. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-18023/6/2018-VIG.III(2), Rev (Vig.III.2) Dept, Dt: 23.07.2019.
4. Revision Petition of Sri Ch.Vidyapathi formerly Dy. Tahsildar, Jeelugumilli, present DT (EPIC), O/o Tahsildar, Tadepalligudem, W.G.District with Hon'ble Minister (Revenue, R&S) Endmnt. dt:09.06.2023.
5. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-18023/6/2018-VIG.III(2), Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt: 12.10.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that, in the Proceedings 1st read above, the District Collector, W.G.District has awarded a major punishment of reduction to lower grade post, i.e., Senior Assistant to Sri Ch.Vidyapathi, formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Jeelugumilli on the allegation that he had made webland mutations without following due procedure while working as Tahsildar (FAC), Jeelugumilli (M), W.G.District.

2. And whereas, aggrieved by the above orders of the District Collector, W.G.Distirct, Sri Ch.Vidyapathi has filed appeal before the appellate authority. The Commissioner (Appeals), O/o. Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P.,Mangalagiri has disposed of the appeal petition filed by the individual duly reducing the punishment as "withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect" instead of reduction to lower grade post, in the Proceedings 2nd read above. Aggrieved by the above orders of the CCLA, the District Collector, W.G., has filed appeal petition before the Government with a request to set aside the punishment of one increment without cumulative effect imposed by the 'Appellate Authority' (CCLA). Government, after examination of the matter, have rejected the appeal petition of the District Collector, West Godavari, duly upholding the orders of the appellate authority, in the Memo 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Sri Ch. Vidyapathi, Dy. Tahsildar, has filed a Revision petition before the Government stating that the punishment of one increment without cumulative effect awarded against him is only on the basis of the enquiry report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Jangareddigudem and without observing the Rules in force in Agency Schedule Area Mandal Villages. He further submitted that the Enquiry Officer in the enquiry report has found that the action for mutation of Tribal's names in 1-B by implementing court orders is not wrong but the procedure followed for the mutation is not proper. Also stated that the mutation was executed to avoid delay in Public inconvenience for providing better services to them and not on any other intentions in the matter. The Individual requested the Government to set aside the punishment of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect imposed by the appellate authority duly condoning the delay in filing of the revision petition.

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4. Government, after admitting the revision petition filed by the individual duly condoning the delay and after careful examination of the revision petition and all the connected records made available, have observed that the action for mutation of Tribal's name in 1B by implementing court orders is not wrong, but constitutes a procedural lapse and also noinjustice was caused by the act. Further, no financial loss to the Government. Hence, it is decided to set-aside the orders of Commissioner of Appeals, O/o CCLA of AP for stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect and to warn the public servant not to repeat such mistakes and be more careful in future while discharging official duties.

5. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule-40 r/w rule 43 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Government hereby set-aside the punishment of "withholding one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Sri Ch.Vidyapathi, formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Jeelugumilli (M), W.G.District imposed by the Commissioner (Appeals), O/o. CCLA, A.P. He is also warned not to repeat such mistakes and be more careful in future while discharging official duties.

6. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri/the Collector & District Magistrate, W.G.District shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri Vidyapathi, formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Jeelugumilli and presently working as Dy. Tahsildar (EPIC), O/o Tahsildar, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District through the Collector & District Magistrate, W.G.District
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri
The Collector & District Magistrate, W.G.District, Bheemavaram.
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The Collector & District Magistrate, Eluru District
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